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Rahayu Mahzam, 35, is a lawyer specialising in civil litigation and family law. She is currently a Partner at the law firm of Heng, Leong & Srinivasan. Rahayu was formerly a Deputy Registrar of the Syariah Court from 2013 to 2015 before she returned to private practice. She is also an accredited Associate Mediator with the Singapore Mediation Centre.

Rahayu currently sits on the National Library Board, the Malay Language Council and the National Youth Fund Advisory Committee. She has been volunteering with the Malay Youth Literary Association (4PM) since 1997 and is active with the youth debate activities.

She was previously a Management Committee member of 4PM and also sat on the board of the Singapore Muslim Women's Association (PPIS). Rahayu was also a member of the Muslim Law Practice Committee and the Law Awareness Committee of the Law Society. She also volunteered in the legal clinics organised by Muslim Converts' Association (Darul Arqam). She had also been involved in the Supervisory Panel of the Feedback Unit, Censorship Review Committee, the Malay-Muslim Community Leaders' Forum Forward Planning Exercise (2010/2011), CLF LABS and the National Integration Working Group for Community and was also a Volunteer Probation Officer with the Ministry of Social & Family Development.

Rahayu graduated from the National University of Singapore in 2003 with a Bachelor of Laws. She has two younger siblings and is married.

Summary of Statement

Growing up, my parents taught me that it is important to give back to the community. They encouraged and supported my volunteering activities since I was in school. I have always felt that I gained so much from such activities. I learnt about the community, the value of building relationships and I learnt to be compassionate.

In the course of my professional and volunteer work, I had interacted with many families going through financial and other difficulties. I am passionate to help these disadvantaged families. I feel that it is important to have strong and holistic support for these families so that they can overcome their difficulties. I also worked with many young people and I am passionate about ensuring that the youth, especially those from low and middle income families, are given the opportunity to achieve their aspirations and potential.

Personal Quote:

All of us have a part to play in the community. We should do our best in whatever we do and help others along the way so that we can achieve our dreams together. With a strong leadership and a community of people who are willing to work together, I believe Singapore will continue to prosper and be a comfortable home for all.